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SUBJ: MEETING WITH KUWAITI CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER

1. I HAD MY FIRST MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH, WHO IS CURRENTLY ACTING AMIR, ON JULY 18 AFTER HAVING HAD EARLIER SCHEDULED MEETING CANCELED WITH HE DEPARTED FOR VIENNA FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. I PRESENTED HIM PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO AMIR'S GREETING ON OCCASION OF OUR BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

2. DURING OUR DISCUSSION I COMMENTED ON DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX SITUATION WHICH FACES MIDDLEEAST AREA THESE DAYS. SHAIKH JABER NOTED THAT THERE WERE SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN OTHER AREAS OF WORLD AS WELL, BUT ADMITTED THAT THE TENSION WAS CERTAINLY ACUTE. HE MAINTAINED THAT THESE PROBLEMS HAD RESULTED FROM THE EFFORT TO SOLVE THEM BY THE USE OF FORCE WHICH NEVER SUCCEEDS IN PROVIDING SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS.

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TION. CP FELT THAT, IF ARAB LEADERS APPLIED GOOD SENSE AND GOOD WILL TO EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF CURRENT TROUBLES, THESE PROBLEMS

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COULD BE OVERCOME.

3. I EXPRESSED MY COMPLETE AGREEMENT AND DECLARED THAT THIS WAS USG OBJECTIVE IN OUR MEDIATION EFFORTS IN ME WITH RESPECT TO PEACEFUL SOLUTION-

TION OF ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH THIS NOT NOT APPRECIATEE BY ALL IN ARAB WORLD. I NOTED THAT KUWAIT, TOGETHER WITH ITS NEIGHBOR, SAUDI ARABIA, HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN MEDIATION EFFORT TO BRING EGYPT AND SYRIA TOGETHER IN INTEREST OF ARAB UNITY AND TO PROMOTE ARAB EFFORT TO DEAL WITH LEBANESE CRISIS, BUT THIS RESPONSIBLE EFFORT ALSO DID NOT GAIN APPROVAL OF ALL ARAB ELEMENTS.

4. CP BELIEVED THAT AS LONG AS MEDIATION WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH GOOD INTENTIONS AND WITHOUT VESTED INTERESTS WHICH MAJOR POWER WOULD HAVE, MEDIATOR COULD BEAR SUCH CRITICISM IN GOOD CONSCIENCE. I AGREED THIS WAS IDEAL SITUATION, BUT POINTED OUT THAT IN CASE OF ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, US WAS ONLY INTERLOCUTOR ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES.

5. DISCUSSION ALSO TOUCHED UPON NON-SIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN COLOMBO AND SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA. THESE SUBJECT ARE REPORTED IN SEPTELS.

6. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH MY EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT MY TOUR IN KUWAIT COULD IN SOME SMALL WAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXPANSION OF CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN US AND KUWAIT AND LEAD TO MUTUAL COOPERATION--OR AT LEAST CLOSER UNDERSTANDING--ON SOME ISSUES WHERE WE DO NOT QUITE SEE EYE-TO-EYE. CP SAID HE SHARED THESE SENTIMENTS AS LONG AS THIS COOPERATION WOULD NOT AFFECT BASIC PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH POLICIES WERE BASED.
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